Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-34 (Cancelled)

Claim 35 (Currently Amended): An implant for the treatment of bone fractures, the implant comprising a main plate adapted to be fixed to a bone and a plate-shaped outrigger element adapted to be fixed to the bone, wherein, in an assembled state of the implant, the plate-shaped outrigger element is arranged offset from the main plate, the implant further comprising a flexible connection element,

wherein the flexible connection element connects the main plate and the outrigger element to treat a bone fracture, the flexible connection element extending less than entirely around the periphery of the bone in the assembled state of the implant; and

wherein the main plate has at least one passage through which the connection element is guidable~~; and~~

~~wherein the at least one passage extends substantially parallel to the plane defined by the main plate~~.

Claim 36 (Currently Amended): ~~An~~ The implant in accordance with claim 35, wherein the connection element has an elongate shape.

Claim 37 (Currently Amended): ~~An~~ The implant in accordance with claim 35, wherein the connection element is one of a wire and [[or]] a thread.

Claim 38 (Currently Amended): ~~An~~ The implant in accordance with claim 35, wherein the connection element is coupled to at least one of the main plate and~~/or to~~ the outrigger by at least one of tying, hooking and~~/or~~ latching.

Claim 39 (Currently Amended): ~~An~~ The implant in accordance with claim 35, wherein the outrigger is made in one piece with the connection element.

Claim 40 (Currently Amended): ~~An~~ The implant in accordance with claim 35, wherein the outrigger has a plurality of passages for the reception of fastening elements.

Claim 41 (Previously Presented): The implant of claim 40, wherein the passages are adapted to receive bone screws.

Claim 42 (Currently Amended): ~~An~~ The implant in accordance with claim 35, wherein the outrigger is provided with at least five passages to receive fastening elements.

Claim 43 (Currently Amended): ~~An~~ The implant as claimed in claim 35, the implant comprising two wire-shaped connection elements and the main plate comprising two passages adapted and configured to lead the connection elements therethrough.

Claim 44 (Currently Amended): ~~An~~ The implant of claim 43, the connection elements being attached to the outrigger element and being led through the main plate passages and the connection elements being connected to each other at free ends remote from the outrigger element.

Claim 45 (Currently Amended): ~~An~~ The implant of claim 44, wherein the free ends are at least one of knotted ~~or~~ and twisted together.

Claim 46 (Currently Amended): ~~An~~ The implant in accordance with claim 35, wherein the outrigger is flexible.

Claim 47 (Currently Amended): ~~An~~ The implant in accordance with claim 35, wherein the outrigger is formed as a perforated plate.

Claim 48 (Currently Amended): ~~An~~ The implant in accordance with claim 35, wherein the outrigger is made in at least one of a mesh-like ~~or~~ and a grid-like shape.

Claim 49 (Currently Amended): ~~An~~ The implant in accordance with claim 35, wherein the outrigger includes a plurality of ring sections connected to one another directly or by webs and each bounding a passage.

Claim 50 (Currently Amended): ~~An~~ The implant in accordance with claim 35, wherein the outrigger and the connection element are unreleasably connected to one another.

Claim 51 (Currently Amended): ~~An~~ The implant in accordance with claim 35, wherein the outrigger in particular has at least one of eyelet-like ~~or~~ and right-like fastening sections for the coupling to the connection element.

Claim 52 (Currently Amended): ~~An~~ The implant in accordance with claim 35, wherein the spatial offset between the main plate and the outrigger can be individually set by the connection element.

Claim 53 (Currently Amended): ~~An~~ The implant in accordance with claim 35, wherein the connection element can be fixed at different positions relative to at least one of the main plate and~~/or to~~ the outrigger.

Claim 54 (Currently Amended): An implant for the treatment of bone fractures, the implant comprising a main plate adapted to be fixed to a bone and a plate-shaped outrigger element adapted to be fixed to the bone, wherein, in an assembled state of the implant, the plate-shaped outrigger element is arranged offset from the main plate, the implant further comprising a flexible connection element,

wherein the flexible connection element connects the main plate and the outrigger element to treat a bone fracture, the flexible connection element extending less than entirely around the periphery of the bone in the assembled state of the implant;

wherein the main plate has at least one passage through which the connection element is guidable;

~~wherein the at least one passage extends substantially parallel to the plane defined by the main plate;~~ and

wherein the outrigger has a base area substantially smaller than that of the main plate.

Claim 55 (Cancelled)

Claim 56 (Currently Amended): ~~An~~ The implant in accordance with claim 35, wherein at least one of the main plate ~~and/or~~ and the outrigger have at least one of a hook-like ~~or~~ and claw-like continuation.

Claim 57 (Currently Amended): ~~An~~ The implant in accordance with claim 35, wherein the outrigger is made in plate shape and has smaller thickness than the main plate.

Claim 58 (Currently Amended): ~~An~~ The implant in accordance with claim 57, wherein the thickness of the outrigger is less than half the thickness of the main plate.

Claim 59 (Currently Amended): ~~An~~ The implant in accordance with claim 35, wherein the outrigger is ~~sufficiently soft to be~~ deformable without tools during an operation.

Claim 60 (Currently Amended): An implant for the treatment of bone fractures, the implant comprising a main plate adapted to be fixed to a bone and a plate-shaped outrigger element adapted to be fixed to the bone, wherein, in an assembled state of the implant, the plate-shaped outrigger element is arranged offset from the main plate, the implant further comprising a flexible connection element,

wherein the flexible connection element connects the main plate and the outrigger element to treat a bone fracture, the flexible connection element extending less than entirely around the periphery of the bone in the assembled state of the implant; and

wherein the outrigger has a base area substantially smaller than that of the main plate.

Claim 61 (Currently Amended): ~~An~~ The implant in accordance with claim 35, wherein the outrigger includes a bioabsorbable material~~, in particular a polymer~~.

Claim 62 (Currently Amended): ~~An~~ The implant in accordance with claim 61, wherein the bioabsorbable material is plastically deformable at temperatures between 50 and 90°C.

Claim 63 (Cancelled)

Claim 64 (Currently Amended): ~~An~~ The implant system in accordance with claim 35, wherein ~~at least one of~~ the flexible connection elements has a U shape;

wherein at least one respective pair of passages~~, in particular provided in the form of bores~~, is made for a flexible connection element both in the at least one outrigger and in the at least one main plate; and

wherein a spacing between the at least one outrigger and the at least one main plate corresponds to that of the U limbs of the respective flexible connection element.

Claims 65 and 66 (Cancelled)

Claim 67 (New): The implant in accordance with claim 61 wherein the bioabsorbable material comprises a polymer.

Claim 68 (New): The implant in accordance with claim 35, wherein the outrigger and the flexible connection element are integral.

Claim 69 (New): An implant for the treatment of bone fractures, the implant comprising a main plate adapted to be fixed to a bone and a plate-shaped monolithic outrigger element adapted to be fixed to the bone, wherein, in an assembled state of the implant, the plate-shaped monolithic outrigger element is arranged offset from the main plate, the monolithic outrigger element including a flexible connection element,

wherein the flexible connection element connects the main plate and the outrigger element to treat a bone fracture.

Claim 70 (New): The implant in accordance with claim 69, wherein the outrigger element is made in plate shape and has smaller thickness than the main plate.

Claim 71 (New): The implant in accordance with claim 69, wherein the flexible connection element extends less than entirely around the periphery of the bone in the assembled state of the implant.